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Honorable United States Senator Dianne Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Representative John Garamendi  
2438 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: National Heritage Area**

Dear Senator Feinstein and Representative Garamendi:

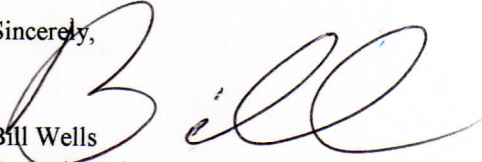
On behalf of the California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau, I am writing to express my strong support for pending federal legislation *S.228* (Feinstein) and *H.R. 1004* (Garamendi) – *The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Establishment Act*. The Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) will be a valuable tool to help the Delta gain visibility as a destination for recreation and tourism activities, thus assisting with both economic development and public education.

The Delta Chambers is an organization of chambers of commerce, visitor bureaus, businesses, and boosters in the Delta, with members who have established roots in the Delta due to a love for this boating and fishing paradise. Established over forty years ago, the Delta Chambers strives to enhance enjoyment for visitors to the Delta, while protecting and preserving the area's fragile beauty.

The Delta Chambers received a presentation from Delta Protection Commission (DPC) staff in early stages of the DPC's *Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area*. We applaud the DPC's public outreach and involvement efforts, and support the proposal for the DPC to serve as the NHA management entity.

Again, on behalf of the Delta Chambers, I am writing to express support for a Delta NHA and look forward to partnering with the DPC to further pursue this effort.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Wells  
Executive Director

cc: Erik Vink, Delta Protection Commission